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1. France and UK considering demarche to Albania--US Ambassador Caffery reports that the French Foreign Office has drafted instructions to the French representative in Tirana to make a demarche to the Albanian Government on behalf of France and the UK concerning the importance of disarming and interning Greek guerrillas seeking refuge in Albania. According to Caffery, the French "understand" that the US is cool toward making representations on the ground that they would have no practical effect. The French and British, however, are inclined to make the gesture because of the importance attached to the matter by the Greeks. Caffery says that the French Foreign Office would be glad to speak in the name of the US also and will hold up its instructions until appraised of the US views. Caffery understands that, if the French representative in Tirana considers a demarche inopportune, the Foreign Office will not press the matter further.

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